Total amount of semi-annual interest payment liability (half-yearly) :

	Non-cumulative Amount in US $
(i) Resurgent India Bonds	57,066,776.52
(ii) India Millennium Deposits	104,240,622.67

Interest Liability on US $ Corpus Outstanding

	Cumulative Amount in US $
(i) Resurgent India Bonds (as on 30-09-2001)	652,381,871.31
(ii) India Millennium Deposits (as on 30-09-2001)	243,766,761.44

Collection of Excise Duties

2366. SHRI P.N. SIVA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) The collection of Central Excise and AED for the period 1st April, 2000—31st March, 2001, in respect of tobacco products such as cigarettes, bidi, chewing tobacco, pan masala and snuff;

(b) the percentage of tobacco being consumed in the form of cigarettes, bidi and others;

(c) whether the taxation policy of Government is same in respect of tobacco products also; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The total excise duty collection, for the period 1st April, 2000—31st March, 2001, from tobacco products (including pan masala, whether containing tobacco or not) was about Rs. 6433 crore. Out of this A.E.D. collection was about Rs. 1726 crore.

(b) Cigarettes account for about 16% of the total tobacco consumption. Bidis and other forms account for about 84%.

(c) and (d) Cigarettes, bidis, and other tobacco products are charged to different rates of excise duties. The respective rate of excise duty on various tobacco products have been prescribed taking into account relevant factors such as, the nature of the products, the class of consumers, administrative convenience for collecting the tax, revenue potential etc.